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RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 24, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to an Office Action dated February 24, 2004 ("the Office Action") in connection with the above-referenced application. No fees are believed to be due in connection with this submission. However, if any fees are determined to be due, the Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, and/or the Director of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office is/are authorized to charge Browning Bushman Deposit Account No. 02-4345, referencing matter OWLS-2-1.

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the patent in accordance with the amendments set forth beginning on the following page.